Food and Civil Supplies positions in Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and Hyderabad

323. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the food and Civil Supplies position in Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and Hyderabad;

(b) what is the demand from Maharashtra Government for the requirement of Bombay for various food and other commodities;

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Allocation of PDS items from the Central Pool is made to the State as a whole. It is the responsibility of the States to distribute these items to various districts/cities within the State, taking into account their relative requirements.

Agriculture as an Industry

324. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to treat Agriculture as an industry;

(b) whether Government propose to give remunerative prices to agricultural commodities in different parts of the country; and

(c) if so, what is the time limit for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is already fixing remunerative procurement /minimum support prices for major agricultural commodities. The Government decide on these prices taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries.

Rise in prices of milk and milk products

325. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the prices of DMS Milk and its milk products recently; and

(b) if so, the extent of rise in each case and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sale prices of Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) Toned milk and milk products were revised as per details given below. The Toned milk prices were increased with effect from 30-12-1988 and those of milk products (Ghee/Butter) with effect from 21-12-1988.

Sl. No.	Name of item	Sale price before increase	Sale price after increase	Percentage increase
1.	Toned Milk	Rs. 3.30 (per litre)	Rs. 4 50 (Per litre)	36%
2.	*Ghee*			
	1 Kg. (Polypack)	Rs. 64	Rs. 64	3·22%
	1 Kg. (Tin)	Rs. 66	Rs. 68	3·03%
	2 Kg. (Tin)	Rs. 131	Rs. 135	3·05%
3.	*Butter Salted*			
	100 grms	Rs. 5·75	Rs 6·00	4.34%
	500 grams	Rs. 28·00	Rs. 29·00	3·57%
	White			
	500 grams	Rs .29·00	Rs. 30.00	3·44 %

The reasons for the increase in prices are —

(i) Higher procurement prices of fresh milk paid to rural producers.

(ii) Increase in the prices of conserved commodities like Butter Oil, Skim Milk Powder and White Butter used for recombination.

(iii) Increase in other operating and overhead costs.

Improvement in IRDP

326. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) was improved and strengthened to benefit the maximum number of people living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, what was the annual target fixed in 1987 and 1988 to assist the families living below poverty line;

(c) whether the target was achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is an ongoing programme and measures for its improvement and strengthening are taken from time to time for benefiting people living below the poverty line, among the target group of IRDP.

(b) and (c) In 1986-87 as against a final target of assisting 35 lakh families, 37.47 lakhs were assisted. In 1987-88 as against a target of 39.64 lakhs, 42.47 lakh families were assisted.

(d) Does not arise.

स्वैच्छिक संगठनों को सहायतानुदान

327. **श्री विश्वेश्वरराव रामाराव पाटिल** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) स्वैच्छिक संगठनों को किन-किन विशिष्ट क्षेत्रों के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार से अनुदान/सहायता मिलती है ;

(ख) इन संगठनों को अनुदान प्रदान करने के लिए क्या-क्या मुख्य शर्तें रखी गई है ; और

(ग) इन संगठनों को धन का दुरुपयोग करने से सरकार किस तरह से रोकती है ?